

Finding Evidence of a Genre Chart: Folktale

Common Features of Folktales	Title:	Title:
Come from all over the world		
No specific author; handed down from generation to generation from storytellers		
Something extraordinary happens to ordinary characters		
Have no time frame but most thought to have happened in the past		
Usually teaches a lesson		
The characters in the beginning of the story are unsuccessful because they are foolish or unkind.		
The character that lasts until the end of the story is usually smart and loving which helps them succeed.		
Have magic such as wishes being granted or magic objects		
Animals, plants, and even machines have human characteristics.		
Usually has an evil character that the "hero" must overcome.		
Characters use trickiness or cleverness to defeat evil or complete a task		
Three is the key number! 3 main character, 3 magic objects, 3 tasks to be completed or 3 settings.		